This invention relates to a ß-hydroxyalkylamide having the general Formula I:

$$R_1$$
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $CH_2$ 

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where  $R_1$  is H or a linear or branched  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkyl and  $R_2$  is a linear or branched  $C_1$  to  $C_5$  alkyl.